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1. the SS HUNAN, plying between Hong Kong and Tientsin, employed approximately 80 men in its four departments. Members of the Communist controlled Seamen's Union¹ were represented in each department as follows:
 - a. Seamen's Department: 2(out of 19 employees)
 - b. Compradore Department:
 1. Steward's section: unknown
 2. Sales section: 1(out of 8 employees)
 3. Warehouse watchmen section: 1(out of 8 employees)
 - c. Management Department: 1(out of 10 employees)
 - d. Engine Room: 2(out of 21 employees)
 - e. In addition, there were eight pursers, but it was not known if any of them were members of the Seamen's Union.
2. Two days prior to the arrival of the ship at Tientsin, all seamen on board were to hold a review meeting during which they could criticize the errors of other seamen and review their own deviations during their stay in so-called "white" or non-Communist areas. Particular emphasis was laid upon personal activities, especially concerning the people with whom contact had been made while in non-Communist areas. The meetings were conducted by the chief representative of the Seamen's Union, CHENG (6774).

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3. When the ship arrived in Tientsin, members of the Seamen's Union had to go to the Seamen's Union of Tientsin to report on the thinking and activities of all persons working on board ship, as well as any other intelligence obtained while at various ports during the voyage.



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